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Rod Blagojevich
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June 17, 2008

The Honorable Harry Reid
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable John Boehner
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Thank you for the leadership and compassion that Congress has already shown with respect to the devastating floods in the Midwest. In Illinois, to date, we have declared 19 counties disaster areas, and we are vigilantly monitoring conditions in many other areas. While efforts to assess the damage are underway, with flood waters continuing to inundate many Illinois communities, it will be weeks, if not months, before we truly know the full extent of the damage.

Even without completing this assessment, we know the resource needs for recovery will be extensive. From lost agricultural output to water plant repairs to levee rebuilding, our state and our residents will need additional federal resources. I know these needs are also shared by our neighbors in Iowa, Indiana, Missouri and Wisconsin, among other states.

As you finish the fiscal year 2008 supplemental appropriations bill, I ask that you give strong consideration to the inclusion of significant additional funding to aid in the response and recovery to the floods that are inflicting extensive economic and physical damage on several Midwestern states.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rod Blagojevich".
Rod R. Blagojevich

Cc: The Honorable George W. Bush
U.S. Senator Dick Durbin
U.S. Senator Barack Obama
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Congresswoman Judy Biggert
Congressman Jerry Costello
Congressman Danny Davis
Congressman Rahm Emanuel
Congressman Bill Foster
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Congressman Phil Hare
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